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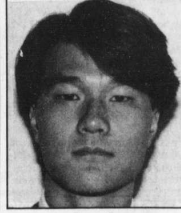
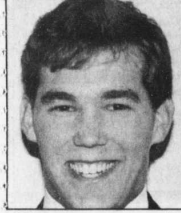
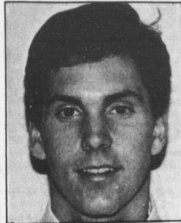
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## Seven candidates run for Big Three

By Wendy Wolford  
Staff Reporter

Although Lee Chapel was not full on Tuesday, March 1, the seven candidates for the Big Three elections launched their campaigns in an open forum. Under the direction of EC President Brad Root, the candidates presented their platforms and answered questions concerning current issues and their possible positions.

Presidential candidate Matt Bryant, a junior, opened the proceedings with his speech. He said served on the EC his freshman and sophomore years, and thinks he has the ability to execute the office well. Due to his involvement in the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention, he says he did not run for re-election this year but thinks he has gained valuable administrative knowledge from his involvement with the Mock Convention.

He gained experience during his sophomore and junior years on the EC. In his past year with the EC, de Movellan thinks he has learned enough about the EC's proceedings to serve as an effective president. His says one of his goals will be to improve student involvement in SAB functions.

Both presidential candidates touched on the issue of confidentiality concerning the closed trial proceedings and said that preserving the Honor System will be their main goal. de Movellan added that he would like to return the EC to its role as a fact-finding body instead of a prosecuting body in honor trials.

First-year law student Hugh Finklestein said he stands on his background as a W&L undergraduate and his past year as an EC representative in running for vice-president. If elected, Finklestein said he plans to improve the Mock Convention.

Junior Christopher de Movellan

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## Convention picks Super Tuesday

From Staff Reports

W&L's Mock Democratic Convention did not make its final prediction of the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee until March 26.

But after correctly predicting Richard Gephardt and Michael Dukakis as the winners of Iowa and New Hampshire respectively, the Mock Convention now turns its attention to Super Tuesday and the 20 states and 1,307 Democratic delegates at stake in the March 8 event.

Basing their predictions on the information being gathered by its research staff of state and regional coordinators, the Mock Convention has forecast that Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis will win the primaries in Florida, Maryland, Texas, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma, as well as the caucuses in Hawaii and Washington.

Jesse Jackson, who kicked off the Mock Convention with a speech last May on the W&L campus, will win Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia, according to Mock Convention

research. Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, who is hoping for a strong Super Tuesday showing to boost his candidacy will win in Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Nevada. Missouri Congressman Richard Gephardt will win his home state.

Samuel K. Conner, chairman of the credentials committee, comments that, "Jackson will prove he's a force to be reckoned with by carrying several Southern states. But the big winner will be Dukakis because he will again make a strong showing in states outside his natural region. By doing so, he will emerge as the frontrunner from Super Tuesday."

"Simon's campaign will effectively be crushed," Conner added. "By not running in the South, he denied himself the opportunity to continue as a national candidate."

Chip Gist, political research chairman, commented that, "Jackson will undoubtedly pick up a great deal of delegates, as will Dukakis. The real battle, however, will narrow down to Gephardt versus Gore. Both have a great deal to prove."

Washington and Lee's Mock Con-

## Predictions

	First	Second	Third	Margin
Alabama	Jackson	Gore	Gephardt	Small
Arkansas	Gore	Jackson	Gephardt	Moderate
Florida	Dukakis	Gephardt	Jackson	Moderate
Georgia	Jackson	Gore-Dukakis	Gephardt	***
Hawaii	Dukakis	Gephardt	Gore	Landslide
Idaho	Gore	Gephardt	Dukakis	Small
Kentucky	Gore	Dukakis	Gephardt	Moderate
Louisiana	Jackson	Dukakis	Gore	Moderate
Maryland	Dukakis	Jackson	Gore	Small
Massachusetts	Dukakis	Simon	Jackson	Landslide
Mississippi	Gephardt	Gore	Gephardt	Moderate
Missouri	Gephardt	Dukakis	Jackson	Landslide
Nevada	Gore	Dukakis	Jackson	Moderate
North Carolina	Jackson	Gore	Dukakis	Moderate
Oklahoma	Dukakis	Gephardt	Gore	Moderate
Rhode Island	Dukakis	Gephardt	Gore	Landslide
Tennessee	Gore	Jackson	Gephardt	Landslide
Texas	Dukakis	Jackson	Gore	Moderate
Virginia	Jackson	Gore	Gephardt	Moderate
Washington	Dukakis	Gephardt	Simon	Landslide

Key to Margin of Winner:  
Small—0 to 5%  
Moderate—6 to 15%  
Landslide—15% plus

\*\*\* Note: As of Tuesday a.m., the Mock Convention researchers found the second and third places in Georgia too close to call.

vention has correctly forecast the nominee of the party out of the White House 13 times in 18 attempts since its inception in 1908, and 8 of the last 9 since 1948.

The Mock Convention will take place Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. The Convention will get underway at 10 a.m. Friday with a parade through Lexington. The first

session will begin Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Mock Convention's 1300 student delegates will attempt to predict the 1988 presidential and vice-presidential nominees.

The Super Tuesday forecasts by the W&L Mock Democratic Convention as of Tuesday, A.M. March 1.

## EC names candidates, plans SAC meeting

By Jon Ryan  
Staff Reporter

Candidates for elections were announced Monday night at the Executive Committee meeting.

Also, the EC decided to invite members of the Student Affairs Committee to meet with them and the student body next Monday night.

With elections looming Monday, and the run-off Thursday, candidates for the office of EC president are Matthew Bryant and Christopher de Movellan.

Running for Vice-President are Hugh Finklestein and Christopher Giblin.

Running for Secretary are David Grove, Alston Parker, and Edward Yu.

EC members proposed to meet with SAC after receiving complaints from the student body about recent SAC ac-

tions, particularly those regarding fraternity Rush.

The meeting with SAC would be to "clear the air" about the recent SAC actions.

EC President Brad Root said he would try to get SAC to postpone their final decision on Rush until next week, so they could hear some of the student concerns. EC Representative Christopher de Movellan expressed a desire for more openness in SAC actions.

SAC is composed completely of members elected from the faculty and administrators.

EC Representative Michael Suttle said that he was concerned that some of the members of SAC had no experience with fraternities and "wouldn't know what they were all about."

In other EC news, the EC discussed two ongoing concerns: parking on Washington Street and a coin machine for the university laundry room under

Graham-Lees dorm.

The EC also held budget hearings for the Political Review, the Film Society, and the Fencing and Squash clubs appeared to have their accounts unfrozen.

Parking problems on Washington Street were raised in the EC before break, mostly due to complaints of freshmen leaving their cars there for days on end. Sporadic police enforcement made this easy.

The university can do nothing about the problem since it doesn't own the street, reported EC representative John McDonough after his meeting with Frank Parsons, President Wilson's assistant. McDonough and fellow representative Judson Parker will meet with the Parking Committee to discuss the problem.

If feasible, McDonough reported,

the school may petition the city to buy the street.

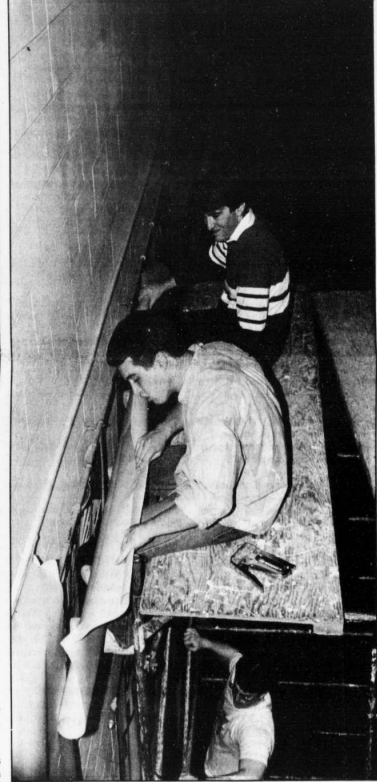
Freshman EC Representative Willard Dumas reported that a request has been made of the company which owns the laundry machines in Graham-Lees to put in a change machine.

If they are unable to, the University will consider purchasing one and installing it.

Dumas has been working on this problem since he was sworn in as an EC member. He said he has developed a "new respect for the university bureaucracy."

All the articles are in for the Political Review. Greg Dale said when he appeared for the group at its budget hearing. To save money, he will type

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By Perry Hester/The Ring-tum Phi

## Construction crew

SAB members hang paper in the Warner Center. The SAB has been working on decorations for the 81st annual Fancy Dress Ball for more than a week. The ball begins Friday at 8:30 p.m. A fireworks display, which will begin at 12:40 a.m., will conclude the evening.

## MSA asks faculty support of boycott; SAB adjusts FD's decorations

By Marie Dunne  
Co-Editor

W&L's Minority Student Association has decided "by a majority vote" to boycott this year's Fancy Dress because of the theme, "The Reconciliation Ball of 1865," celebrates a time in which blacks had no rights, said Rosalyn Thompson, President of MSA.

MSA has sent a letter to the faculty asking them to show its support by joining the boycott. The MSA also plans to ask that in the future the SAB get approval of the theme from the deans.

For the SAB, "it's full steam ahead," said Tom O'Brien, chairman of Fancy Dress.

"Fancy Dress is a social event not a political event. We respect their opinion and right to boycott the ball. We're sorry they won't be attending," said O'Brien.

Thompson said, "We feel that the SAB, even if we hadn't boycotted, had disrespected us by choosing a theme and setting it in a period that we have nothing to celebrate about."

"It's like having a Trail of Tears party and

inviting the Indians, or having a Third Reich party and inviting the Jews. What would they celebrate?"

"In 1865 in American History, it is the exact year that they passed the black codes. Ninety percent of the blacks lived in the South. In the South they passed laws that said blacks could not inter-marry, and blacks had to live on a certain percentage of land. They were reviving the old slave codes. So blacks were not slaves, but they were treated as slaves," said Thompson. "Between 1865 and 1866 the original KKK was formed in Tennessee."

According to J. Holt Merchant, Professor of History, reconstruction was a time in which blacks were given some rights, "but not too many rights that the elite whites had trouble raising a labor force."

"If there was a reconciliation, it didn't occur until quite late in the nineteenth century. The symbolic event is the Spanish-American war, where the southerners and northerners joined together to beat up on the poor Spaniards," said Merchant.

Essentially, northern whites said "we

value nationality more highly than we value the protection of black rights," said Merchant.

"It seems to me that in a progressive university that you would opt for a theme that wouldn't offend anyone," Thompson said.

"The theme shows a lack of sensitivity, and that's something that education should give you. I think that they [the SAB] need to ask W&L for a better education if they still can't understand why [we are offended by the theme]."

Thompson said she has received support from the student body and said that many students think "if we had just picked another theme, then none of this would have happened." Several non-MSA students have also told her that they intend to boycott, although MSA has not asked the student body to join the boycott.

"We're not asking for a school-wide boycott," said Thompson. "We don't want Fancy Dress to fail. We think it's something important that this institution does."

MSA did send a letter to all faculty members explaining their position and asking the

faculty to show their support by boycotting the ball.

"I personally am going to boycott. I've talked to some faculty members who are also not going," said Merchant.

"I find myself in a peculiar position because I teach Southern History. I am Southern, and I value my past. On the other hand, I don't value all aspects of my past equally," said Merchant. "This appears to be a celebration of aspects of Southern history that I find indefensible."

"I normally go to Fancy Dress. I'm disappointed I'm not going to hear Glenn Miller," he said, "but I'm not."

President John D. Wilson will attend.

"I hope my attendance will not be construed as some vote for or against this issue that divides us," said Wilson. He said he will attend the ball simply because it is a major function of the university.

MSA students say they want the theme to gain approval from the deans.

"We want the university to set a policy where the SAB will have to turn in the theme early in order to get the deans approval so that

it will never go this far again," said Thompson.

"That doesn't mean it won't be a secret. It just means they will have approval and all this will be avoided."

Currently, the SAB receives suggestions from the Executive Committee and the deans, but the final decision remains in the SAB's hands.

"From my perspective, the SAB was acting in good faith and without malicious intent or racial motivation," said Dean of Students Lewis John.

"I think after the fact, the fact being the determination of the theme, the SAB has tried to meet some of the objections that MSA has, such as certain parts of the decorations," said John.

According to John, SAB officials approached John and Dean Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins during the fall with several suggestions for the theme. John said that he and Atkins raised several concerns with the theme of "Reconciliation Ball of 1865," including the

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Hep out

In the coming week, Washington and Lee students will have an opportunity to help chart the course of the Honor System in the future. The White Book Revisions Committee is beginning to gather student opinion for their study of possible changes in the White Book, which outlines the functioning of the Honor System. The importance of the book is great; it guides our honorable conduct from day to day. Therefore, the possibility of change in the system is an extremely significant event.

The committee will be placing suggestion boxes at different places on campus. They have guaranteed that all suggestions will be kept confidential in order to collect true student opinion of the Honor System. We encourage everyone to read their copy of the White Book and submit any suggestions they may have. If one does not think that the White Book should be changed, then one should let the committee know. For those who do not have a copy of the White Book, contact an Executive Committee member to find where a copy can be obtained.

The committee is also holding an open forum on March 8 at 8 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. At this forum, the committee will present the ideas they have received at that point, as well as take suggestions from the audience. Again, we encourage everyone to participate in this event. Without student interest the forum, and the committee itself, can not be a success.

For those people who have expressed complaints about the Honor System privately, now is the time to bring them into the open. The current student generation is supposed to decide how the system will work. If students just sit back and expect the revisions committee to do the work for them, nothing can be accomplished. Students have to become involved now to insure the future.

Cobb questions the Fancy Dress theme

MY VIEW

By Jimm Cobb

After reading the "Twenty Questions and Answers" column in the F.D. supplement, I decided to ask the student body for their opinions of this article. The following responses refer to specific questions and were given by members of S.A.B., E.C., and the general student population; and are a mixture of direct quotes, ideas, and overheard conversations.

Question 1: How do you think Tom got to be Chairman of Fancy Dress?
Answers: "Well he probably begged, groveled, and pleaded for it."
"1 have an idea."

Question 2: What are Tom's actual F.D. responsibilities?
Answers: "Coming up with his own ideas for F.D. and doing what he wants, no matter what anyone says."
"P--- people off."

Question 3: How well do you think he used the money?
Answers: "I don't know yet."
"well, he used it as a leverage to get his theme approved. He was supposed to bring the theme to the E.C. for approval before he spent any money, but after not having a theme for a month or so, he brought the theme before the E.C. with money already spent on the theme."

Question 5: How difficult do you think it was to get the bands?
Answers: "There shouldn't have been any problem—have you heard of these bands; they should pay us."
"The bands are the only thing going for it."
"How many times will 'Love Tractor' play here?"
Question 7: What will be different about this year?
Answers: "Well, as compared to last year's, this one will p--- off a lot more people."
"I'm not going."

Question 8: What do you think about this year's theme?
Answers: "It's stupid."

Why have a theme where you can wear only one of two costumes?
Answers: "It's childish."
"Why not just call it reconstruction?"
"for a real theme, have someone at UVa make it up."

Question 9: What are some other suggestions?
Answers: "Roaring Twenties"
"Renaissance"
"Henry the VIII, Medieval, or something like that"
Question 11: How does the money come from?
Answers: "Well, considering they will lose a lot of money, the students' activities fees."
"From all of the students who don't go."

Question 12: What is the most exciting thing about this year's ball?
Answers: "I'm not going."

"UVA"
"The controversy."

Question 16: When do you think they really started planning the ball?
Answers: "Sometime in Tom's deranged childhood."

"Well, he was supposed to have the theme approved long ago, but the E.C. only found out about it a week or two before break. By then the S.A.B. had already spent the money, and it was too late to change the theme."

Well there you have a truer story; if not, remember truth is stranger than fiction.

I would like to applaud Tom for making his name infamous in his senior year, after so many years of trying. Also, I want to know why he went out on his own, against the E.C., and spent unapproved money. Finally, I want to ask, Does a theme that has to have excuses and explanations made for it really have a place at W&L?

Evangelist saves souls through dirty ditty

MY VIEW

By Jon Shar

Recently, I noticed thousands of posters around the campus advertising a speech on "Maximum Sex" to be given by a person named "Josh." I immediately reasoned that Josh must be a famous pornographic movie director who planned to show a sneak preview of "Debbie Does Dallas, Part III." And, since I enjoyed Debbie Does Dallas, Parts I & II so much, I decided to attend.

It turns out Josh is a fire and brimstone evangelist and his speech had as much to do with maximum sex as non-alcoholic drinks do with fraternity parties. For those of you who aren't lucky enough to have spent a Friday night listening to an evangelist, your education is not complete. But don't worry, this article will fulfill your educational needs. (Note: the author of this article cannot fulfill his own educational needs, much less yours.)

Important Evangelical Facts:
1) Evangelists do exist. (Many people believe they were created by net-

work T.V. producers in the interest of Sunday morning humor.)
2) Evangelists are always right.
3) Evangelists scream a lot.
4) Evangelists talk to God whenever they feel like it.

The Reverend Josh's main idea was that God condemns adultery not because he doesn't want you to have fun, but because he wants to provide for you and protect you from the drawbacks of adultery and pornography. To help those of you who are having trouble with this abstract concept I will give you a concrete example.

Scene 1: Josh is relaxing on the couch reading The Daily Damnation (this favorite newspaper) and writing his four-hundred-twenty-first book when he notices his son, Lazarus, has a copy of the Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Issue hidden in the Bible he is supposed to be reading.

Josh (screaming at the top of his lungs) Lazarus! What magazine is that?

Lazarus: Gee Dad, it's the Christian Chronicle.

Josh: No it's not! It's the Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Issue and you're looking at the topless blonde on page 24! I was forced to study every detail of those pictures for the Church Censorship Committee. I hated every sec-

ond of it. (He picks up a 2 by 4 and strikes Lazarus, knocking out his front teeth.)

Lazarus: Dad, why are you hitting me in the face with a 2 by 4?

Josh: I'm obligated to provide and protect you from pornography.

After hearing Josh speak, I believe President Reagan should appoint him as a Supreme Court Justice. The Supreme Court needs open-minded judges like Josh.

Josh: (to the other judges) We will outlaw adultery, pornography, homosexuals, Dr. Ruth, condoms, Bugs Bunny, rated "R" movies and ...

Other judges: But Josh, that would violate seven amendments, court precedent, and every civil right I can think of.

Josh: I DON'T CARE! Do it NOW or burn in hell.

If the Supreme Court doesn't work out Josh could always become Editor of The Weekly World News or The National Enquirer. (Important female aesthetic tip: I recently read in one of these magazines that sneezing increases Bust Size.)

One thing that impressed me about Josh was his versatility. He lectures to communist farmers, pre-school children, the State Department, professors, college students, and anyone else

who will listen to him (not many people fall into the last category, but who am I to talk, not many people read these articles either.)

To give the reader a sense of Josh's versatility I will obligated to provide a speech he recently gave before "The Young Poets of America Association."

"Brothers and Sisters, good evening. When I told the Lord I was gonna be lecturing to poets he helped write me a poem. Yes folks, the good Lord likes poetry.

Don't think you can make safe love. Just cut your're wearing a rubber glove.

You'll get diseases that make you sick.

Your hormones are playing a dirty trick.

Chastity is good and great.

Pre-marital sex—a hellish fate.

When married couples start a merger!

Each one better be a virgin.

If you allow to roam your animal desires.

In after-life you'll burn in fires.

Listen to me, I talk to God.

Brothers! Confront your rod.

Dr. Ruth is a fraud.

Sincerely,

E.G. Allen

President: Pi Kappa Phi

LETTERS

Student reactions to FD theme and MSA boycott

To the Editor:

I read with considerable disgust, though no surprise, Rosalyn D. Thompson and the Minority Student Association's litany of whining in last week's Phi. Apparently this year's Fancy Dress theme does not meet with their approval. Although I think this year's theme is generally awkward, silly, and unimaginative, it is hardly the vicious insult to black students that the MSA claims.

Miss Thompson chides the SAB by asking how they expect black students to enjoy an FD with a theme set in a period "when blacks were oppressed." The question makes the ridiculous assumption that the SAB should make the enjoyment of a small group of cranky radicals like MSA paramount to its FD theme criteria. In addition, the MSA apparently feels that a theme set in such a period is so evil that they must organize a boycott.

The recent hysterics surrounding off-the-cuff remarks by Al Campanis and Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, not to mention the mindless rantings of the Phi's own sports editor on the subject, illustrate how increasingly asinine the definition of what is "racist" and "insulting to blacks" has become. As the MSA's actions prove, almost anything at all relating to race, even in the most roundabout way, will be denounced as racist.

Not everyone will be satisfied with any FD theme. But immature reaction by self-appointed interest groups does nothing to improve the Fancy Dress tradition, nor does it seriously address the question of race relations. The sad irony is that many people at W&L are thrilled with MSA's decision to boycott.

J. Tucker Alford '89

- 1. The imprisonment of Japanese-Americans during WWII
2. The Challenger Disaster
3. S-track tape
4. The Holocaust
5. The Bubonic Plague
6. A night with the Osmond Family
7. Tornado attacks on trailer parks
8. "Saturday Night Fever"—The Disco Era
9. Gerryandering
10. The McCarthy Trials

Sincerely,
Matthew C. Cross '90
Scott Meyer '89
John Ryle Lawson III '89
Charlie T. Gay '89

Gaines misunderstanding

To the Editor:

The article on law students in Gaines Hall in your last issue was missing some important facts. The Phi reported that "a misunderstanding apparently occurred between Washington Hall and the Law School" concerning housing policy on Gaines Hall. This is wrong because there was first, a misperception of policy in Washington Hall and second, almost zero communication from Washington Hall to the Law School regarding the housing policy.

There was no misunderstanding between the Law School and the administration. The fault lay entirely with the administration in Washington Hall. Dean Ruscio believed that the policy excluded law students from Gaines Hall had been in place before he became dean. He therefore turned away all law student inquiries about Gaines Hall. In an interview with second year E.C. Rep. Dave Nave and the Law News, Ruscio admitted that even if law students had applied before the deadline, they would not have been allowed in Gaines Hall. Clearly this inaccurate statement of policy originated in the administration and not in the law school as was implied by last week's article.

Dean John admitted in an interview last week with the Law News that there was a lack of communication between himself and Dean Ruscio on the subject of law student housing in Gaines Hall. John stated that Gaines had always been viewed as an undergraduate housing facility. Dean John got the impression that law students wanted to live away from undergrads in Gaines Hall next year, in large part because he received no information about law student interest in Gaines. This strengthened his view of Gaines as a purely undergraduate housing facility.

However, the perception of law student's lack of interest originated in the failure of the administration to communicate with the law school about the housing policy. No one was ever asked what law students' needs were. Even Frederick Kirgis, Dean of the Law School, was not told about the housing policy until questioned by the Law News. A second breakdown of communication extended to the failure to send notices or housing applications directly to law students as had been the custom in the past. Instead, applications were left in an obscure location and went almost unnoticed from November until after the deadline in January. That is the fault of the sender.

Dave Nave deserves some credit for clearing up this situation. After Nave brought the policy to the attention of the E.C. and the E.C. notified President Wilson and Dean John, the situation remedied in one afternoon. I must compliment the administration for the speed and effort that was exerted to clear up their mistake. The administration also plans to conduct a housing survey of law students similar to the extensive survey of undergraduates a few years ago. However, since many law students were turned away by Dean Ruscio's office, few law students will live in Gaines next year and law students living on campus will be housed in their own dorm.

To the Editors:

I write with utter disgust at the unfortunate scenario which has developed in response to the theme of the 1988 Fancy Dress Ball. The Reconciliation Ball.

Fancy Dress and, in particular, this year's theme represent the pinnacle of unity at Washington and Lee. It is the only event in which Law School and Undergrad, Faculty and Students, Greek and Independent, North and South come together as one in a night of revelry. Robert E. Lee, our noble and revered father (or is he anymore?), not only led forces under the flag of Southern pride and tradition but also spent the last five years of his life at this school working to reconcile the North and the South. I am sure if the great General were alive today that he would heartily approve of this year's theme.

I find the banning of the Confederate flag at an event which stresses reconciliation abominable especially at W&L which has so much Southern tradition. The Confederate flag is abused by a few as is the United States flag misused by some individuals.

I find the attitude of those few students of the MSA childish but the encouragement by some administrators deplorable. I am also exceedingly disappointed in those administrators that have allowed roughly a dozen people to hamper and manipulate the setting for 2500+ people. It is an insult and a shame to the Student Activities Board and especially the Fancy Dress Committee to endure this treatment after so much hard work and planning. I suppose winter has finally arrived in hell now that General Lee's college is too embarrassed, ashamed or spineless to hang the confederate flag.

F. Evans Schmidt '88

Dear Miss Thompson:

As a member of "the fraternity" of which you made reference to in last week's edition of the Ring-tum Phi, I would cordially like to extend to you an invitation to accompany me to this year's Old South Ball.

Fraternally,
William I. Crabb '89

P.S.—Do you think that you can find a hoop skirt large enough to clothe your prejudices?

To the Editors:

As the founder and president of the newly formed "Northerners cutting off their noses to spite their faces association" it is my responsibility to express our anger at the rumor that the decorations for Fancy Dress are 51 percent Southern and 49 percent Northern. Regardless of who our dates are or how good the band is, we cannot possibly enjoy ourselves at this "Old South" ball and thus are boycotting.

D. Harding Martin

Thanks for PUSH help

The University Community:

The Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi would like to thank the SAB, the Ring-tum Phi and all those who participated in the three-on-three tournament this past Sunday. The event was a tremendous success, raising \$450 for PUSH (our national fraternity's charity). In addition, the day produced some exciting basketball as the Championship Game went into triple overtime with the team of Ranger/Anderson/Hawkins (West Regional Champs) pulling out a 25-23 heart-stopper over the Southeast Champs Hart/Gallivan/Pollock.

In other action, the East Regional Champs Abernathy/Barton/Milling took third place over the Midwest Regional Champs Duane/Gilbert/Martin, rounding out the Final Four.

Next year we hope to expand the tournament to

Thank you for your help in making this year's event so successful. We appreciate the support and donations from all of our friends and family. We hope to see you all at the next event.

Sincerely,
Tony Jones
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Associate Editor
The Law News

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LETTERS

White Book revisions

To the Editor: On February 22, 1988 the Executive Committee formally selected and charged the White Book Revisions Committee. The charge to this committee is to examine the philosophy and procedure of the present "Honor System" as set forth in the White Book, in relation to the present university community.

This committee will be actively seeking from the Washington and Lee Community (students, faculty, and administration) your opinion as to whether the "Honor System" as presently implemented by the White Book should be revised, and if so, in what manner.

The White Book states clearly that our honor system "is based upon the principle of mutual trust" which enables the value of the philosophical and moral principles upon which our honor system has developed. However, systems that govern human interaction need to be flexible to rapidly changing environments, while still retaining the principles upon which they are founded. With these thoughts in mind, this committee urges all members of the Washington and Lee community to become involved in this examination of the "Honor System."

The Executive Committee appointed thirteen members of the student body to this committee to

gather the opinion of the community, and to then present to the Executive Committee its recommendations. To facilitate the gathering community opinion, the White Book Revisions Committee will place suggestion boxes in the Co-op, the undergraduate library, and the ARA lounge of the law school. All written suggestions offered to the committee will be kept fully confidential, so as to encourage an open and candid exchange of ideas.

In addition, the committee is planning an Open Forum to facilitate discussion about the Honor System and gain further insight into the community's perspective of the system's philosophy and procedure. Through this forum the committee will present a summary of proposed revisions and then open discussion to all interested members of the Washington and Lee community. The forum will be held March 9, 1988 at 7-9 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

Recognizing that many Alumni will be returning to Lexington this weekend for the 81st Faculty Dress, we also invite your comments and suggestions regarding this very important issue. The White Book Revisions Committee formally extends an invitation to the Washington and Lee community to become actively involved in the discussion and contemplation of what our Honor System is presently, and what it should be in the future.

Respectfully,  
John M. Falk and  
Richard Tomkins, Chairmen

Senior's time for pictures running short

By Alice Harrell Staff Reporter

For the past few months now, the sign-up sheet in the Co-op for senior class pictures has remained blank. Only within the last week have three or four groups signed up to have their senior group pictures taken. For the rest, time is running out.

Apparently, the general impression is that the pictures will not be taken until sometime Spring Term, so people think they have plenty of time. In fact the pictures may have to be taken by the end of Winter Term, leaving the seniors barely five weeks to have their pictures taken.

There is no guarantee that photographer Patrick Hinely will be able to take pictures as late as Spring Term, according to Courtney Harpold. Hinely is signed up to take pictures no later than March 25; his schedule after that is indefinite.

"If these people just blow it off until Spring Term, they may not have a chance," said Harpold.

The longer the seniors wait, Harpold added, the less time there will be available to reschedule another time in case the weather turns bad on the set date. This goes for fraternity group pictures as well.

There is an alternative. Seniors may get together and take their own group pictures themselves, if they feel that signing up with the professional photographer is too much of a burden. While Hinely's camera will be able to take in broader pictures with perhaps finer quality, there is nothing wrong, says Harpold, with taking your senior picture yourself.

Just be sure to have it labeled, with each person's name and class, in the order according to their positions in the picture. Then take it to the Calyx office upstairs in the University Center.

For those seniors who would prefer to have their picture taken professionally, they are advised to sign up as soon as possible on the sheet posted behind the candy/snack shelves in the Co-op. If they wait much longer they may not have any senior group pictures in next year's Calyx at all.

Philosophy lecture held

From Staff Reports

Georges Rey, professor of philosophy at the University of Maryland, will deliver two lectures at W&L Wednesday and Thursday, March 9 and 10. Both lectures are open to the public.

"How to Make a Mind," is the topic of Rey's first lecture, which he will present Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Room 9 of Newcomb Hall. On Thursday at 3 p.m. he will speak on "Sensational Sentences" in Room 318 of Tucker Hall. Rey will also be meeting with students during his two-day visit to the campus.

Rey's interests are in philosophy of mind, computationalism, and artificial intelligence. He received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, and his Ph.D. from Harvard.

W&L's Cognitive Science Committee is sponsoring Rey's visit to the campus.

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the allocation of funds to different campus organizations. He also thinks his experience as a law student is important as the vice-president is the EC's technical advisor in both open and closed hearings.

Sophomore Chris Giblin said he takes pride in his belief in the Honor System and his experience as an EC representative this year. Like Finkelnstein, Giblin said he is concerned with the budget, especially during Mock Convention years. He also said he "would serve as a liaison between the students and the administration."

Juniors David Grove, Alston Parker, and Edward Yu are vying for EC Secretary. Grove began his speech

stating the importance of involvement in campus activities. He thinks activities provide a "network of communication" necessary for representing the student body.

Parker said she thinks involvement in extracurricular activities is important to the position of secretary. She said she will rely on a "good working knowledge of the campus" as qualification for the job.

Yu said one of his main goals is to work as a team with the president and vice-president for a successful EC. He thinks he not only has an obligation to serve the W&L student body but also the Honor System itself.

The elections will be held on Monday, March 7. Finkelnstein said it is important for all of the student body to vote in order to make the Honor System work. The elections on Monday will be followed by the run-off elections on Thursday, March 10.

Parade to highlight convention; entire community will be included

From Staff Reports

One of the highlights of the 1988 W&L Mock Democratic Convention will be a parade through Lexington on March 25.

Plans are already well under way to ensure that the entire area is represented in the event.

Rick Clawson, a W&L senior and co-chairman of the Parade Committee, said that the parade is one of the best ways to bring Rockbridge County, the City of Lexington, and W&L together.

"The parade features many of the area's outstanding bands and marching units," said Clawson. "We've met with a large number of community business and educational leaders to obtain their suggestions. Their ideas have been very helpful towards our planning."

While many of the details have already been completed, the Parade Committee wishes to emphasize that it is continuing to take applications from all groups and organizations interested in participating in the event, said Frank Kannappell, also a senior and the parade's other chairman.

"We've had an excellent response so far," said Kannappell. "But we want to make sure that everyone has

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concern that the theme has racial overtones.

Thompson said several friends on the SAB told her of the theme when she returned to school after February break. After confirming the theme, she said she tried to contact O'Brien several times. However, the SAB was unable to meet with MSA until Wednesday, Feb. 24, said Thompson.

Liz Smith, a member of the SAB, met with MSA officials Wednesday afternoon and the MSA held an emergency meeting Wednesday night to vote on the issue, said Thompson.

Anne McCloud, Associate Dean of Students, said, "Liz Smith contacted me after she heard of the possibility that the minority students may want to boycott. She came in and was very sincere in her efforts to determine if there was anything at all that could be done that could turn the decision around."

McCloud said the SAB was willing to make several specific concessions including cancelling the SAB orders for costumes, not displaying the con-

federate flag, and not using a plantation scene as a decoration.

According to O'Brien, the SAB has made these changes to the decorations despite the MSA boycott.

McCloud, John and Wilson all agree that the suggestion that the deans have approval of the theme is not the best solution to the problem.

"The structure at Washington and Lee is one that gives the student maximum autonomy, especially in terms of student activities," said McCloud.

"I do not really think that the administration will elect to dictate to the Student Activities Board what themes it can or cannot use."

McCloud suggested that a member of the MSA, in addition to any minority students who are already members of the SAB, be appointed to the SAB each year to preclude a similar situation from occurring.

O'Brien said that no minority members applied to become a member of the SAB last year.

Despite the boycott, several members of MSA plan to attend Fancy Dress.

Richard Bayton, a member of MSA, said "it must be a personal choice." Bayton says he supports the MSA's

right to boycott, but plans to go "because the overall theme itself is not offensive to me."

"The idea of theme itself was stupid and ill thought-out," said Bayton, and thinks that the SAB didn't consider all of the possible ramifications of the theme that other MSA members find more offensive.

Bayton said that the MSA's vote to boycott the ball was "a majority vote, but not a unanimous vote."

"Many of us feel like we are betraying the MSA, but, at the same time, we can't betray our personal feelings."

"W&L is not the most racist college in the South. Like all colleges, W&L has some sectors of racism. But it's wrong to slander the many just to get a few," said Bayton.

"It should be up to each individual as to whether or not it bothers him and whether or not he wants to go," he said.

Wilson stressed that he hopes something positive will come out of the boycott and theme controversy. He hopes that W&L students will become more sensitive to issues that may have racial overtones.

"I hope we can learn from it. I think we have already learned from it."

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the articles into the computer himself before giving them to the News-Gazette, which prints the magazine.

The Political Review is expected to come in well under budget.

The Film Society is also expecting to be under budget for this year. They reported good attendance, 150-200 people per weekend, at their past showings. They have three movies scheduled for the rest of the year, and plan to add another, as yet unnamed movie to the list.

Fencing Team Captain Eduardo Gonzalez reported that the club's season is over, although practice will continue for the rest of the year. The club fielded a women's team this year, which he said did "better than expected."

Soviets to study at W&L

By Andy Nixon Staff Reporter

Through participation in a new international collegiate exchange program, three students from the Soviet Union will enroll at W&L next year.

This new exchange comes through the efforts of a consortium of small liberal arts colleges, mostly located in the Northern United States.

In its first year, the consortium initiated the idea of Soviet students travelling to the United States to study. Upon hearing of the program, W&L contacted the group, expressed interest in participating, and now will receive three Soviet students.

W&L is the only southern college participating and is also receiving the most students from the Soviet Union out of all the other colleges.

The goal of the program, according to Professor Bidlack, who heads the program, "is to integrate the students as fully as possible." As of now the University has no idea who the students are. This is left to the agency coordinating the trip within the Soviet Union, but certain elements of their stay are currently known.

The students will live on campus with American students, rather than with each other. The students are already enrolled in Soviet universities and will enter as juniors here at W&L. Regarding their curriculum, one-half of the courses they select must be in the liberal arts. They must take one computer course, and the rest is up to them. They can compete in any sports or other extra-curricular activities they wish.

As a result of participation in this program, three to six students from W&L will have the opportunity to spend either a semester or year in the Soviet Union during the 1989-1990 academic year. Details of this program are as of yet unavailable. Anyone wishing information or potential requirements of this counter-exchange program should contact Professor Bidlack of the history department.

The exchange of faculty and individual experts between the United States and the Soviet Union has existed since the late 1950s, but this exchange is the first program involving undergraduates, or in the words of Professor Bidlack, "students just beginning their academic initiative."

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Throw away your porno stash. Their magazines are devil's trash.

Inspired as I was by the Reverend's lecture I have formed my own worldly possessions.

My last article was about date rape. Two weeks after it was published the

whole freshman class was required to attend a Date Rape Seminar. I'm sure this was a coincidence, but just in case I apologize if anyone is required to attend an Evangelist Appreciation Seminar.

Please tune in the week after next. The Ring-tum Phi staff now lets me write an article every two weeks. Newspaper sales are down 25 percent since I started writing for the Phi (and it's free!)

For my next article: What happens when a W&L evangelist graduate is running for president.

EC forms committee

to study honor revisions

From Staff Reports

The 1988 White Book Revisions Committee is sponsoring an open forum for the university community—students, faculty, and administration—to discuss the state of the Honor System and any suggested changes in the White Book.

The forum will be held March 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Lee Chapel. The 13 members of the committee were appointed by the Executive Committee of the student body to gauge the current student body opinion of the Honor System and to recommend suggested changes in the White Book.

"The committee members realized that one method of determining student opinion was to have an open meeting, at which any student could come forward with ideas for improving the White Book," said John Falk, co-chairman of the committee.

"We've already received suggestions from students and committee members about possible changes in the White Book," Falk said. "But we want to be sure we allow the entire W&L community the opportunity to be heard."

The first part of the forum will allow the White Book Revisions Com-

mittee to state their purpose and to summarize some of the changes which have been proposed.

Following that, discussion will be opened to those in attendance.

The White Book pamphlet sets out the procedures and guidelines of the Washington and Lee University Honor System. The current Honor System has its roots in the policies set by Gen. Robert E. Lee when he became president of Washington College in 1865. He did away with the rulebook which was then in existence and asked only that students behave as gentlemen, and that they not lie, cheat or steal.

The earliest dated White Book in the University Library Special Collections was prepared by the 1968-69 Executive Committee. This four-by-five inch, 19-page booklet set out many procedural rules which form the basic structure of the system as it exists now.

Revisions committees have been formed every four or five years during the past two decades, according to EC president Brad Root.

